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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Legal Research

1. I think we can put our approach to the use of 25X1A
in staff study form. The problem might be expressed as follows:
"To develop and maintain an objective and authoritative analysis
and reference work on the basic legal problems peculiar to the
Central Intelligence Agency."

2. The assumptions might be something in the nature that we
assume the Agency would continue to operate on its basic legislative
charter and in its present place in the structure of Government.

3. Facts bearing on the problem. Probably we should outline
here that we have been dealing with a variety of legal problems of
a very fundamental type but normally have been faced with solving
specific problems. These solutions or lack of them have now built
into a body of law which affects not only the operations of the
Agency but our interrelations with other agencies and the Congress.
In part, the application of this body of law depends on the
personal knowledge and experience of you and me and a couple of
old-timers. Without such background and experience it could well
become chaotic and be a disturbing element rather than a cohesive
element.

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Confidential Funds Handbook and the benefits we believe have flowed
therefrom. We could then discuss how the availability of
 was made known to us and in an appendix put his qualifica-
tions and background. We could mention that we have discussed the
matter with him, he is interested, but no commitments were made or
prices mentioned.

5. I suppose the conclusion would be that he looks like a good
man to do the job, is available, and the job should be done.

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6. The recommendation, therefore, would be that we be authorized, through the proper channels, to approach [redacted] to undertake a year's study on some sort of contractual basis.

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